

U.S. 95 CORRIDOR STUDY NEWSLETTER ADAMS COUNTY

The Idaho Transportation Department has hosted 12 public workshops in counties along U.S. 95 to gather comments about corridor needs and future improvements.

Look inside to read what we learned in Adams County.



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- Improvements you identified for U.S. 95 in Adams County.
- Next steps for the corridor study.

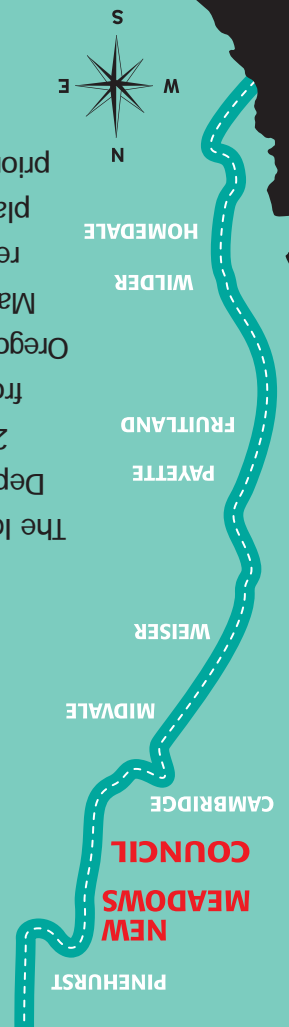
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The Idaho Transportation Department is studying 203 miles of U.S. 95 from Pinehurst to the Oregon state line south of Marsing. The study will result in a long-range plan that will help ITD prioritize improvements to the roadway.



ABOUT THE U.S. 95 CORRIDOR STUDY

U.S. 95 is an important north-south link between Mexico and Canada. In Idaho, recreational and local traffic share the corridor with long-haul freight, straining the roadway as demand grows.

The U.S. 95 corridor study includes 203 miles and five counties from Pinehurst to the Oregon state line. It involves:

- **Developing a long-range plan** that will help set policies and projects over the next 20 years.
- **Identifying current and future needs.** ITD will consider safety, access, traffic and environmental issues.
- **Gathering information** from engineering studies, community input, and city, county and highway district goals.
- **Setting priorities for improvements.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the U.S. 95 Corridor Study, visit itd.idaho.gov and select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *U.S. 95 Corridor Study*, or contact:

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Persons needing an interpreter or special accommodations are urged to contact the Public Involvement Coordinator at (208) 334-4444 or TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.

Se les recomienda a las personas que necesiten un intérprete o arreglos especiales que llamen al coordinador de participación público al (208) 334-4444 ó TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.



THANK YOU!

Approximately 50 people attended workshops in October and November 2008 in New Meadows and Council. The workshops focused on improvements to U.S. 95 in Adams County.

WHAT WE HEARD

Participants at the Adams County workshops asked ITD to improve:

SAFETY

- Add passing lanes, turn lanes or pull-outs.
- Realign or widen the highway.
- Repair ruts, soft gravel or drainage problems.
- Improve bad corners and sight distance.
- Continue general maintenance: de-icing, reflectors and paint.
- Remove trees in right-of-way.

TRAFFIC FLOW

- Address truck traffic and backups.
- Improve existing signals.
- Council alternate route is needed.

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

Several participants identified specific intersections or mileposts for improvement. A detailed summary of comments is available on the project Web site at itd.idaho.gov (select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *U.S. 95 Corridor Study*).



NEXT STEPS

You will be notified when the draft corridor plan is available for review.

Spring 2009 Summer/Fall

Finish conducting public workshops in other counties along U.S. 95.

Distribute the draft corridor plan.

Fall/Winter 2009/2010 Winter

Work with local jurisdictions to conduct public hearings.

Publish the final corridor plan.



IDAHO 55 UPDATE

ITD is conducting a similar study of Idaho 55, which intersects U.S. 95 in New Meadows. Attendees were invited to comment on both corridors

at the workshops in New Meadows. Frequent comments about Idaho 55 included:

- Improve safety at Idaho 55/U.S. 95 intersection.
- Widen the highway. Add passing lanes and/or shoulders.
- Repair roadway pavement or base.
- Alternate route is needed (Goose Creek Grade).
- Reduce speed limits.